(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to help the students to complete their studies there?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Human Resource Development have, on the advice of the Indian Embassy in Moscow, sanctioned emergency assistance of Rs. 500 per month per student in hard currency to students officially sponsored by Department of Education and still pursuing their studies in the erstwhile USSR for the period from December, 1991 to March, 1992. Besides, on the advice of the Ministry of External Affairs, the Reserve Bank of India has issued instructions to the Banks and Foregn Exchange dealers to allow parents and guardians of all students already studying in the former USSR to remit upto US Dollars 50 per month. The Reserve Bank of India has also authorised the purchase of tickets to return from Moscow to India in Indian rupees.

It had been reported by the Indian Embassy in Moscow that the Heads of Government of the Commonwealth of Independent States had recently decided to reaffirm the corresponing agreements of the former USSR regarding foreign students and to begin working out new documents in this regard. Further information has been received that a draft document is under consideration.

बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय में प्रोफेसरों के खाली पद

2611. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के विभिन्न विभागों में प्रोफेसरों के कितने पद कब से खाली पड़े हुए हैं ;

(ख) उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) इन पदों को भरने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, इस समय विभिन्न विभागों में प्रोफेसरों के 92 पद रिक्त पड़े हैं तीन वर्ष अधिक समय से अधिकांश पद रिक्त हैं ।

(ख) इन रिक्तयों को न भरने के लिए विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा दिए गए कारण निम्नलिखित है :—

(i) नियुक्तियों के लिए उपयुक्त उम्मीदवारों की सिफारिश करने के वास्ते चयन समितियों की असमर्थता,

(ii) पदों का पुन: विज्ञापन,

(iii) पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान सेवानिवृत्ति की बड़ी संख्या ।

(ग) विश्वविद्यालय ने सूचित किया है कि प्रोफेसरों के अनेक रिक्त पदों का विज्ञापन दिया गया है । कुछ पदों के लिए चयन समितियों द्वारा हाल ही में बैठकें आयोजित की गई हैं और अन्य पदों के लिए चयन समितियों का कार्यक्रम तैयार कर लिया गया है ।

Conditions of women

2612. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of women in India, community-wise;

(b) the community-wise details of their backwardness and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve their lot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD

DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) According to the 1981 census, the female population by religion excluding the population of Assam is as follows:

Total No. of Famales	321,357,426
Hindus	265,359,428
Muslims	36,551,871
Christians	8,056,417
Sikhs	6,120,255
Buddhists	2,303,076
Jains	1,547,994
Others Religions & Persuasions	1,390,179
Religion not stated	28,206

(b) and (c) Backwardness of women in any community can be attributed to social, cultural and economic factors and may have a geographical and regional dimension as well. Government is aware of the problems and is implementing various schemes of awareness generation, advocacy, education and vocational training, for enhancing employment opportunities with the objective of elevating the status of women in all communities and enabling them to develop their potential and emerge as equal partners in the development process.

Working Women's Hostels in Delhi

2613. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in February, 1987, Government took a policy decision to provide financial aid to voluntary/social organisation registered under the Society Registration Act, 1860, for purchase of land and construction of building for working women hostels with a day care centre for children in Union Territory of Delhi; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the details of land made available to such organsations by the Land and Development Office, New Delhi (L & DO) at concessional/subsidised rates; and

(c) whether his Ministry has received proposals from voluntary organisations in Delhi under Government liberalised scheme referred above, to provide financial aid/assistance, for construction of such women hostels, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. The scheme of Assistance for Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with a Day Care Centre was liberalised in February, 1987 to provide financial assistance to the Registered Voluntary Organisations, Public Trusts, Local Bodies, Women Development Corporation, Universities, School, and Colleges of Social World etc. to the extent of 50 per cent of the cost of land in addition to 75 per cent of the cost of construction as provided for, hitherto.

(b) The Land and Development Office; New Delhi has made to allotment of land for the purposes of construction of Working Women's Hostels since 1987.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Department sanctioned an amount of Rs. 81,304 being 50 per cent of the cost of land in addition to grant of Rs. 18,21,645 being 75 per cent of the cost of construction of hostel building for 96 working women with day care centre for 20 children to the Guide of Service, New Delhi in 1987-88.

Non-implementation of Education Act

2614. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the teachers of Shri Mahavir Jain Secondary School, Nai Sarak, Delhi have been getting only 95 per